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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1993

Mr. L.E. Turner
1442-A Walnut Street
Berkeley, CA 94709

Dear Mr. Turner:

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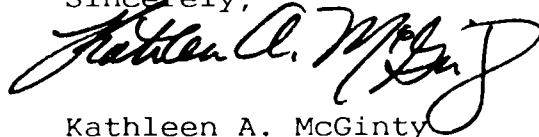
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Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS RES.

1442-A WALNUT ST.
BERKELEY CA 94709

TO: ANCIENT FOREST TEAM

Re: LOCALIZED CONTROL OF PUBLIC AREAS

CHANGES TOWARD LOCALIZED CONTROL MUST be carefully monitored. MANY TIMES, NEW EXCLUSIVITY OR OPENING UP IS HIGHLY BENEFICIAL TOWARD REDUCING COMMON PAST PROBLEMS, SUCH AS LITTER AND OTHER PETTY OFFENSES.

BUT sometimes AREAS CHANGE FOR WORSE; e.g., "FAMILY CAMPGROUNDS" CAN SLIDE INTO DANGEROUS DOMINANCE BY UNCONTROLLABLE CHILDREN. SUCH PLACES MAY NEED CONSTANT MONITORING TO PREVENT DAMAGES, ESPECIALLY "INSIDE" LOW-LYING OR BACK SECTIONS OF A CAMP.

L. E. Turner
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1993

Mr. Robert Titzler
1446 Hythe
St. Paul, MN 55108

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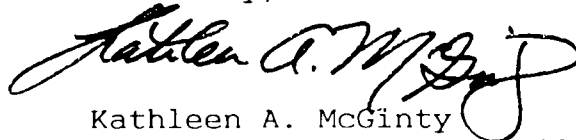
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Robert Titzler
1446 Hythe
St. Paul, MN 55108

October 20, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty, Director
Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Exec. Office Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I wish to voice my opposition to the so-called "option #9" regarding plans for the Ancient Forest of the Pacific Northwest. This option leaves far too much of the Ancient Forest unprotected.

A final plan should be recommended that includes the following:

- No logging in ancient forest areas now remaining
- Protected ~~from~~ Rattlesnakes, no chainsaws!
- Full protection for Fisheries / fish habitat.
- Minimal experimental forestry: do not give local residents special authority over forests in this area
- Protection for all species associated with ancient forest ecosystems.

Your careful consideration & support for this kind of protection is sought.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Robert Titzler

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1993

Mr. William M. Taylor
2857 Greer Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303

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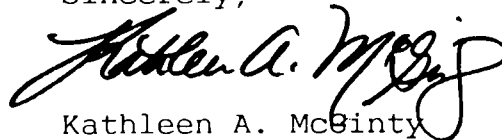
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Kathleen A. McIntyre
Director, White House Office on
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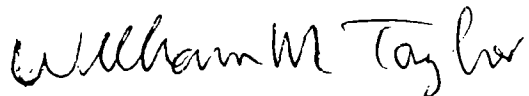
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September 29, 1993

Katie McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy

I urge you to recommend to President Clinton that he **oppose** the "**sufficiency**" language on timber sales which are now in an injunctive state. "Sufficiency" language would result in overturning federal environment law for economic reasons -- this precedent would be extremely detrimental to our natural resources and to the integrity of our legislative/administrative/judicial system.

Thank you for your consideration.

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William M. Taylor
2857 Greer Rd.
Palo Alto, CA 94303

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1993

Mr. Glenn Torbett
8572 Fensmuir Street
San Diego, CA 92123

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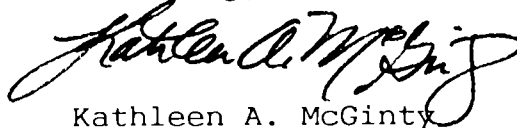
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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8572 Fensmuir St
San Diego Ca 92123
Oct 2, 1993

Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Building
Washington DC. 20501

Re: President Clinton's Forest Plan

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing to support protecting ancient forests. It is a heritage we have left too little of so I would like to see all remaining ancient forests completely protected - no logging, ~~including~~ thinning, and no additional roads that destroy natural settings.

Our health is ultimately tied to our environment's health, both physically and psychologically. I think it is important to protect the streams and wildlife from narrow interests that see only a short term profit when they experience the wilderness. Future generations will judge us on how well we protect our resources versus abusing them.

Thank you for your time.

Glen Torbett

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1993

Ms. Susan Thompson
124 Brumley, Apt. 6
Stillwater, OK 74074

Dear Ms. Thompson:

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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U.S. Forest Service
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Kathleen Mc Dinty
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Alternative 9, the preferred alternative in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat for Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, does not adequately protect fish and wildlife species or forest values dependent upon a sustainable Ancient Forest ecosystem in Oregon, Washington and California. The following recommended changes are consistent with credible science and in compliance with national environmental laws:

- An actual Ancient Forest Reserve that protects all ecologically significant old-growth must be created. The Reserve system must prohibit all logging related activities, such as logging operations for salvage, timber thinning and road building.
- Additional protection is needed for streams and fish habitat outside of Reserve areas.
- Federal lands outside of Forest Reserves should not be sacrificed. The lands should be managed to provide habitat conditions for spotted owl dispersal. In addition, non-Reserve lands should be managed on a minimum of 180-year timber cutting rotations.
- The plan must insure that fish and wildlife species have a "very high" (95% probability) chance to survive over a 100-year period. The National Forest Management Act states that federal managers must insure a species' survival and viability.
- The process for making decisions about the disposition of land should reaffirm the right of every American to participate fully in decisions affecting our public lands.

It is critical to the protection of the last 10% of our Ancient Forests and the species that depend on them that these recommendations be adopted.

Sincerely,

Susan Thompson
(signature)

Susan Thompson
(print name)
124 Brumley Apt. 6
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 27, 1993

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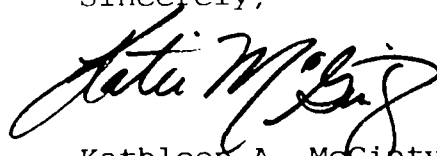
Dear Mr. Turner:

This is to notify you that I am in receipt of your July 7 letter addressed to President Clinton regarding your interest in global environmental and economic issues. It was good to hear from you, and I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of the environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I certainly appreciate learning of your interest in this regard. I will keep a copy of your information on file for future reference.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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August 19, 1993

Mr. Tom Turner
Sierra Club Legal Defense
Fund, Inc.
Suite 1400
180 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California 94101-4209

Dear Tom:

Thank you for writing. I welcome your ideas to build an environmentally sustainable economy. I have forwarded your letter to the staff of the Office of Environmental Policy to inform them of your interest in the Council for Sustainable Development.

I appreciate your interest and support.

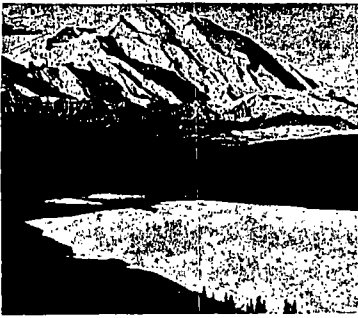
Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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July 7, 1993

Dear Mr. President:

I was intrigued by your announcement of an international gathering to get to the root causes of worldwide economic problems. You see, I'm working on a book--eventually a book--that will investigate the thesis that our economic problems are basically environmental, the result of overconsumption, overpopulation, pollution of resources, contamination of air and water, destruction of habitat, and so forth. Research is in the early stages. I expect to begin interviewing key economists and others this fall.

That said, I'd like to request an invitation to whatever gathering you and Secretary Reich and others pull together. Would you please pass this letter to the appropriate people? I'll be most grateful. Many thanks.

And congratulations on what you're trying to do. You've got our wholehearted support. Don't let the bastards get you down.

Sincerely,

Tom Turner
Staff Writer

cc: Mr. Gore



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 28, 1993

Ms. Sophia B. Twichell
Assistant Director
Lake Michigan Federation
59 E. Van Buren Street
Suite 2215
Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Ms. Twichell:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your thoughts about the Executive Order on Recycled Goods.

As you know, the President recently signed the Executive Order on Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention. This Executive Order is the outcome of much hard work and consultation with industry and labor representatives, the environmental community, and consumer groups, as well as congressional and agency staff members.

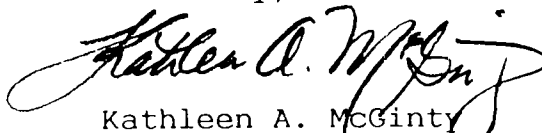
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And, the order directs the General Services Administration to revise paper specifications to allow agencies to purchase paper made with processes that minimize emissions of harmful by-products, including chlorinated compounds. According to some studies, these by-products can cause environmental damage including an increased risk of cancer.

In addition, this Executive Order requires agencies to make up any price increase by cutting waste and using less paper. We believe that this initiative will achieve the desired results of spurring recycling efforts and promoting a healthy environment.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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September 24, 1993

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*Citizen Action
to Save a
Great Lake*

Katie McGinty
Director of Environmental Policy, White House office
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

With this letter we wish to offer our support for an Executive Order requiring the Federal government to establish goals for the purchase of totally chlorine-free (TCF) paper. This environmentally responsible effort should also be coupled with a provision to incorporate the use of 20% post-consumer recycled content in this TCF paper by the year 1994.

Though we are well aware of the pressure on the Federal government by the pulp and paper industry, we believe that the use of TCF paper would in no way be detrimental to this industry. Federal government paper purchases amount to less than two percent of the national total. Therefore, only one large paper facility would be needed to provide all necessary paper for Federal government procurement.

The use of chlorine in pulp and paper bleaching creates organochlorines such as dioxin, which has been linked to many serious health problems including breast cancer and birth defects. With this in mind, it is important to support American industries such as Louisiana-Pacific and Lyons Falls, which are already producing TCF pulp and paper and recycled paper products. Other American companies also have the know-how to produce chlorine-free paper, but they are looking for the Federal government to take the initiative on this issue. The development of responsible environmental policies will allow the government to lead business by its own environmentally correct example without causing harm to the economy.

Again, we thoroughly support the effort for an Executive Order requiring the purchase of TCF paper, and also strongly urge the use of 20% post-consumer recycled content paper by 1994. Thank you for your attention to this important and timely issue.

Sincerely,

Sophia B. Twichell
Assistant Director

Printed on Non-Chlorine Bleached Recycled Paper

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 28, 1993

Ms. Karen Tiede
8701 Snipes Farm Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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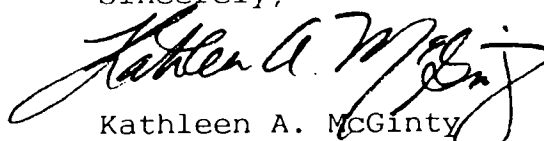
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Kathleen A. McGinty
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Environmental Policy

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8701 Snipes Farm Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
September 23, 1993

Katie McGinty
White House Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing to express my support for the standards set forth in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976. I hope that the Executive Order that President Clinton promised to sign will uphold these standards.

Every week our office fills a Zarn cart with waste copy and printer paper. Locally, our paper recyclers are having to stockpile this paper. Dropping the percent post-consumer content of recycled paper below 15% will seriously damage the recycling effort in this area by reducing the market for the paper we are trying to save.

Thank you for any support you can give this effort.

Sincerely yours,

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Karen Tiede

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 28, 1993

Mr. Larry L. Thomas
President
The Society of the Plastics
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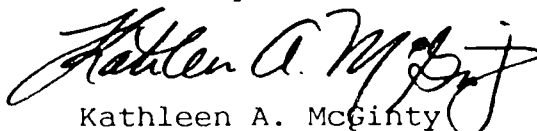
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Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my letter of August 6, 1993, concerning a draft Executive Order to encourage the federal procurement of goods made from recycled materials. Let me take this opportunity to further elaborate the position of The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.

As we have stated, SPI believes the Administration is to be congratulated for taking a leadership role in recycling. The promotion of the federal government's procurement of goods made from recycled materials is in accord with the plastics industry's actions to expand markets and increase demand for recycled plastics products.

Through the work of the American Plastics Council (APC), a joint initiative with SPI, the plastics industry is working with government and business to make efficient and economical choices in dealing with plastics in solid waste. For example:

- We promote government/industry partnership in solid waste decision making by offering technical assistance, educational materials and equipment, grants, leases and loans.
- We encourage industry participation in "buy recycled" programs by promoting our "Recycling Success Via Purchasing" (RSVP) program throughout the plastics industry.
- We are stimulating purchase of recycled plastic products through distribution of "The Recycled Plastic Products Source Book" which lists more than 700 products from more than 200 companies using recycled plastics.

Promoting the procurement of goods made from recycled materials is commendable and necessary for both industry and government, yet the draft Executive Order you are considering goes far beyond this. Without any procedure for public comment or advice, it would promote the use of goods and services determined to be "environmentally preferable."

Kathleen A. McGinty
September 21, 1993
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The scientific, environmental and business communities agree that this is a nearly impossible determination to make given the current inadequacies of life-cycle analysis.

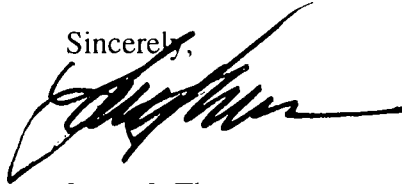
Even the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognizes that the important aspects of life-cycle analysis are in primitive stages. In its recent report (Life-Cycle Assessment: Inventory Guidelines and Principles), the EPA acknowledges that "currently, there is no single correct way to conduct a life-cycle assessment." The Executive Order you are contemplating could lead to wide-spread confusion, misuse and abuse of life-cycle analysis to gain market share.

Clearly, further discussion and debate is critical to produce adequate and accurate means to determine what is "environmentally preferable." Additionally, any major new national environmental policy such as you have proposed should receive full Congressional consideration. Matters concerning long-term economic consequences of national environmental policy options need to be communicated.

Therefore, I urge you to delete the provisions dealing with "environmentally preferable" until a more thorough evaluation of the issue has been completed.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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Larry L. Thomas
President

cc: Thomas F. McLarty III, Chief of Staff
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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October 21, 1993

The Honorable Edolphus Towns
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Towns:

The President has asked that I respond to your letter of August 5 regarding your concerns about federal wetlands policy and H.R. 350, the Wetlands Reform Act. I apologize for the delay in my response.

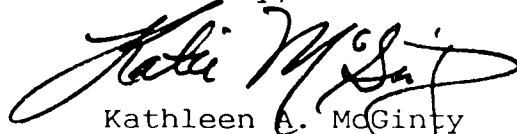
President Clinton and Vice President Gore are committed to the preservation of our natural resources in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. This Administration shares your concerns about the uncertainties surrounding wetlands policies of the past.

As you know, an Interagency Working Group on Federal Wetlands Policy was convened on June 4 to review and seek to clarify the issues surrounding federal wetlands policy in anticipation of the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. It included representatives of all federal agencies involved in, or impacted by, the protection of wetlands. In addition, the working group solicited a broad range of views, including those of the Congress; state and local government; environmentalists; developers and homebuilders; agricultural interests; and others. The Administration policy that was announced in August is very consistent with the policies proposed in your letter.

I look forward to working with you to ensure the effective implementation of an ecologically sound wetlands policy during the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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August 5, 1993

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President:

We understand that you are currently in the process of formulating an official position on federal wetlands policy. We would like to urge you to adopt a position that is closely in line with H.R. 350, the Wetlands Reform Act, currently cosponsored by 80 members of Congress.

We know you are aware of the importance of preserving our wetlands, and commend you for your support of a "no net loss" of wetlands policy. Because Congress is moving closer to acting legislatively on this issue, we feel that your involvement now could have a critical impact on the outcome of this debate and help end the polarization that has developed over this issue.

At a minimum, wetlands policy should accomplish the following: it should stem the loss of 300,000 acres of wetlands annually; it should streamline the permit process; it should improve wetlands regulations so that they are uniformly applied; and it should establish a more incentive-based approach to preserving privately-held wetlands. We believe that H.R. 350 offers reasonable and workable solutions that would achieve these reforms within the framework that currently exists.

To strengthen protections for wetlands, H.R. 350 would amend the Clean Water Act to include explicitly a provision covering the protection of wetlands and expand the number of activities covered under the Act to all that are harmful to wetlands. The careful tracking of the impact of the permit program and mitigation efforts on wetlands would also be required. Finally, it would direct more personnel and resources to agencies that oversee wetlands policy.

To streamline the permit process and make it more workable to private landowners, H.R. 350 would establish a fast track to process minor permits within a period of 60 days. Other helpful provisions would direct the Corps to assist small landowners with wetlands delineations, accelerate the completion of the National Wetlands inventory maps by the Fish and Wildlife Service, and clarify exemptions for normal and ongoing farming practices.

Many of the complaints that the system is unworkable arise from the uneven application of wetlands regulations. We believe this can be remedied through better training of wetlands delineators, and through better coordination of delineation methods.

We also would like to stress the importance of scrutinizing proposals that would seriously erode our wetlands base. We are particularly opposed to calls for a national wetlands classification system. Such a task would be an inefficient use of scarce resources, and according to the Fish and Wildlife Service, it would cost \$18 billion to implement. In addition, ratings would have to be based on very subjective criteria.

We also urge you to resist pressure to broaden the application of the Fifth Amendment takings clause to the limitation of property rights that results from wetlands regulations. Restrictions on the use of wetlands property often serve to protect the health and safety of other nearby properties. To be able to evaluate carefully the unique facts of each case, questions on takings must be left to the courts to be considered on a case by case basis.

The best chance for expanding our wetlands base lies in wetlands restoration efforts. However, it is shortsighted to look to mitigation banking as a solution that would allow wetlands to be destroyed for development projects by creating or contributing to a mitigation bank elsewhere. Studies have shown that efforts to restore or create wetlands have had mixed results, and replacement wetlands are often unsatisfactory because they rarely perform as many or even the same functions as the natural wetlands they replace.

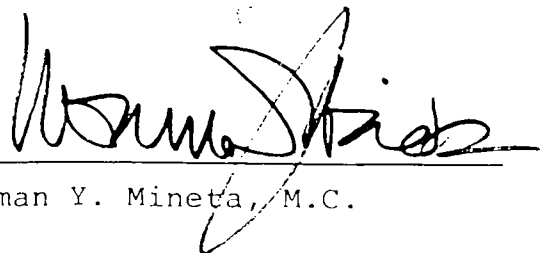
Because 74 percent of the nation's remaining wetlands are privately owned, we must look more toward incentive-based approaches to protecting wetlands. We urge support for the Wetlands Reserve Program, as well as tax incentives that encourage the donation of land to qualified conservation organizations or that promote limiting activities on wetlands to compatible uses.

The need to preserve our wetlands has been made especially clear by the tragic floods now occurring in the Mississippi Valley. Contributing to the severity of the flooding is the fact that 75% - 90% of the wetlands in the region have been lost. In order to resolve the debate over wetlands quickly and fairly, we urge you to adopt the approach outlined in H.R. 350, so that both the economic and environmental benefits of wetlands can be preserved.

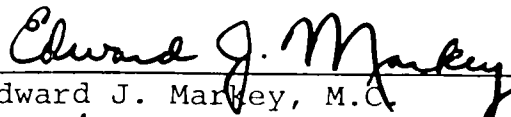
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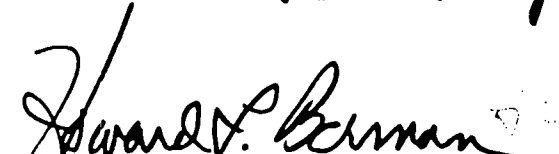
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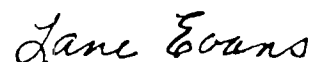
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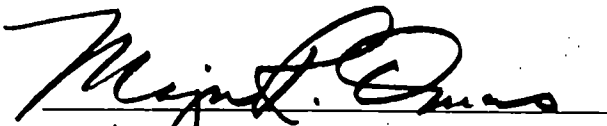

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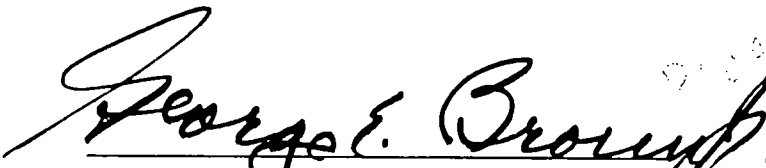

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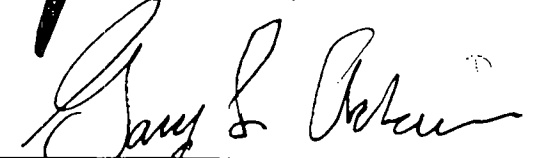

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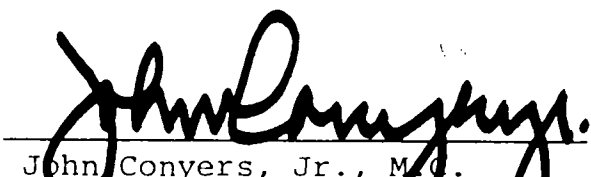

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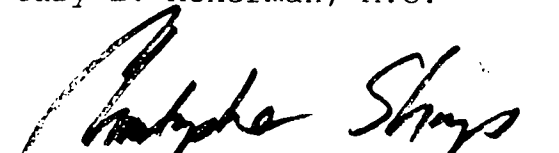

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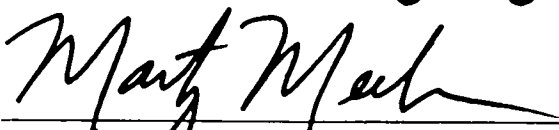

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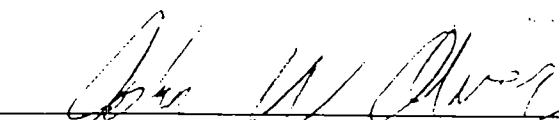

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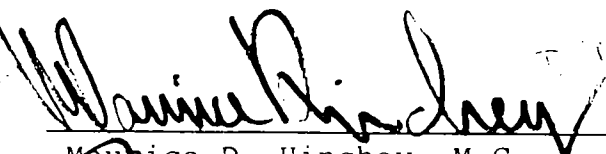

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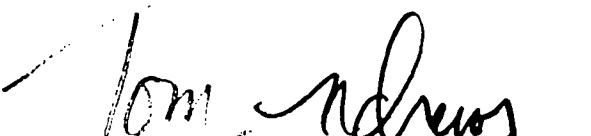

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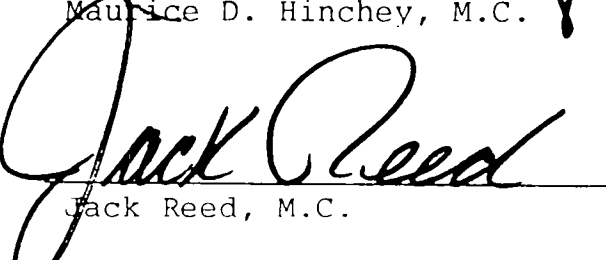

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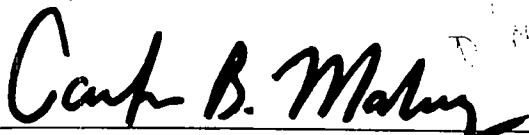

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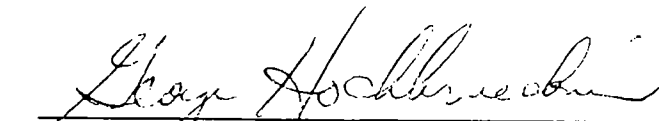

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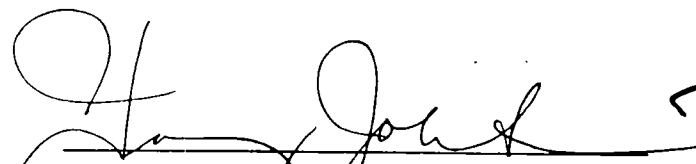

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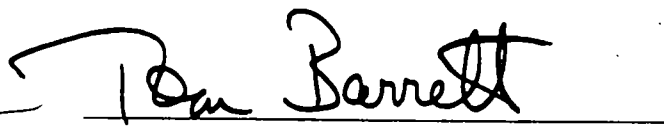

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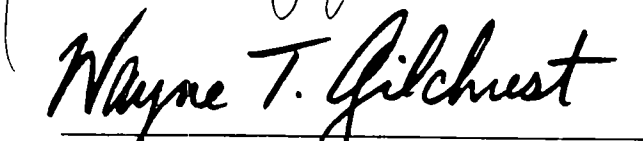

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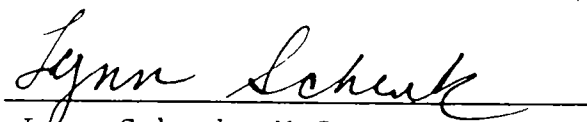

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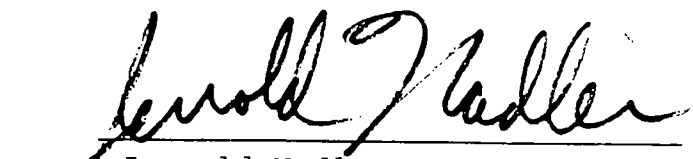

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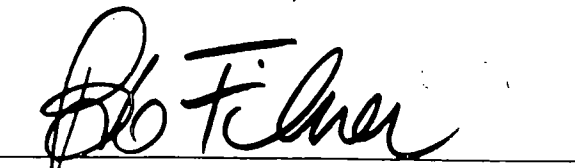

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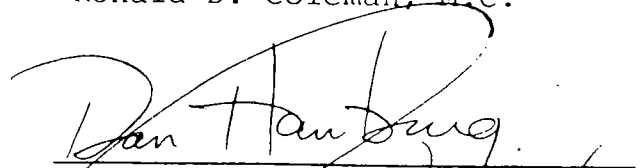

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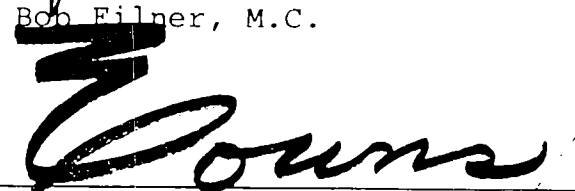

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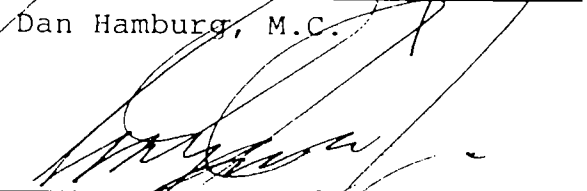

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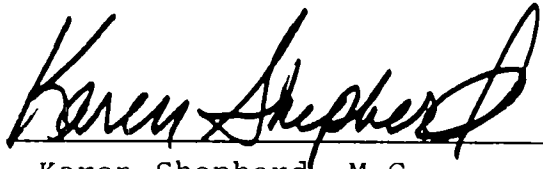

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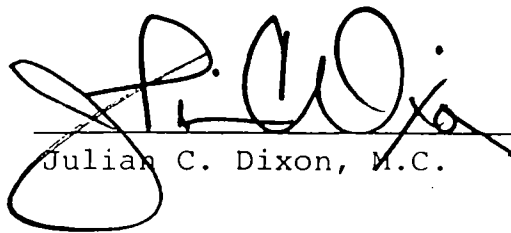

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